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Dear Graduate,

Graduation is a time for celebration, and we want to extend our congratulations to you for completing your education. You and your family should be very proud of your accomplishments.

It is our pleasure to announce that we will be able to fund day services for 2009 graduates who are interested in either a traditional or self-directed program. Our challenge has been that the Division of Developmental Disabilities' (DDD) annual budget does not have a separate budget line item for age outs, however, this year funding is included and dedicated to providing day services to the graduates. We understand that day services are critically important and we are very pleased to share this funding news with you.

We would like to encourage you to pursue supplemental resources to assist you after you graduate. If you are interested in seeking employment, it is especially important for you to contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services at the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (866-871-7867). We also encourage you to attend "Life after 21," a valuable workshop that provides information about adult services available to individuals after graduation. It is offered by the Family Support Center of New Jersey and they can be reached by calling 800-372-6510, and their website is www.fscnj.org.

If you have any questions, please contact your case manager or the Adult Services Coordinator in the DDD office that serves the county in which you live. Enclosed is a list with their contact information.

We look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Velez".

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Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth W. Ritchey".

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Enclosure

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